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MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD

REFERENCE: Staff Memorandum No. 270

I would revise the first two paragraphs of the proposed memorandum for the Director to read as follows:

1. The Chilean Congress, on 24 October, will almost certainly elect Carlos Ibanez as President of Chile, in deference to his large plurality of the popular vote.

2. A majority of the present Congress, however, will remain antagonistic toward Ibanez, which may prevent radical changes in Chilean domestic and foreign policy until the Congressional elections in 1953, insofar as such changes would require legislative action.

The purposes of this revision would be:

- a. To clarify the apparent contradiction between paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present draft.
- b. To recognize that, as President, Ibanez can go far in pursuit of the policies indicated in paragraph 1, without obtaining Congressional approval. Nothing in his character suggests that he would hold back in deference to Congressional opinion.

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